

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 16-19 are newly added by amendment. Claims 1-15 are amended solely for clarification purposes as discussed below.

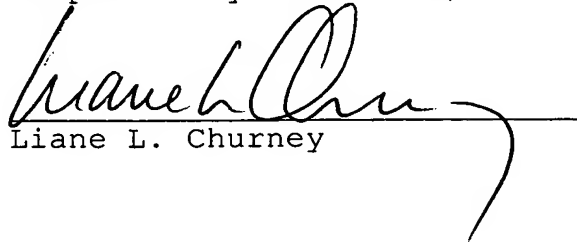
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-15 recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's critique of the clarity of the claims and have amended Claims 1-15 to more clearly recite the aspects of the invention. In particular, language has been revised to eliminate instances of broad language being followed by "such as" and then narrow language, and the like. Additionally, optional recitations and the use of the "and/or" conjunction have been addressed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-15 are now in condition for immediate allowance.

New Claims 16-19 have been added as part of the process of clarifying the language of Claims 1-15. Certain limitations of the original claims have been moved into separate Claims 16-19 for purposes of improving clarity.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance with Claims 1-19. If there remain any issues to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned for a telephone conference to resolve any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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